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Northampton, 22 April, 1857.

The Strong family.

Rev. Dr. E. Robinson,

My Dear Sir,

I wish it was in my power to satisfy your inquiries as to Asahel Strong. I have copious notes of the Strongs of this town; I have looked them over, but do not find the name of Asahel. I however find the name of "Elisha Strong of Farmington," a native of this town; and he was a descendant of John Strong. Was Asahel his son? If so, this would prove the uncertain point, Asahel's descent, as reported, from John. But that both Elisha and Asahel Strong should remove from Northampton to F. renders altogether probable a near relationship, making it equally probable, that Asahel was descended from Elder John Strong.

As you may like to know Elisha's descent, I will give it to you.

1. Elder John, son of Richard, b. in England in 1607 near Taunton; d. in N. apr. 14, 1699, æ. 92. Sailed from Plymouth, Engl^d, March 30, 1630 in company with Maverick, Warham, Mason, Clap: arrived 30 May; settled at Dorchester. His wife and infant soon died. He married Abigail Ford in 1630 at Dorchester, and by her, had 16 children. He lived in Hingham 1635; to N—n 1659: The sons were John; Return, lived at Taunton 1638; then to Windsor. Thomas, Jedidiah, Ebenezer, Samuel, Josiah, Jerijah.

The descent of Elisha was from 5th Son, Eb^r.

2. Ebenezer; b. 1644, died Jan. 11, 1729, aged 86; born before his father's removal to Northampton. He married Hannah Clap of Dorchester. His brothers John and Return lived at Windsor and had families: Thomas had 15 children: Jedidiah's wife was Freedom Woodward, 1662 — they had 15 children.

Ebenezer had 6 children: his sons were ~~Jonathan, Caleb (father of Governor Caleb), Ichabod, Elias, Joseph~~ Ebenezer, Nathaniel, Jonathan, and Noah.

Elisha was the son of Jonathan as follows.

3. Jonathan, b. 1653., married Mehetable Stebbins, by whom he had 17 children. His sons were Jonathan, Caleb (the father of Governor Caleb), Ichabod of Southampton, Thomas of New Marlborough, and Elisha of Farmington. So that Elisha was the uncle of Governor Caleb Strong.

I am happy to know, that I am myself descended from elder John Strong; for my mother, a daughter of Rev. Jonathan Lee of Salisbury, Conn., was descended from Jedidiah the 4th son of elder John; indeed from two of the 7 pillars of the church of Northampton founded in 1661, John Strong and Henry Woodward.

In my Biography American, about to issue from the press, I have given a brief account of Rev. Cyprian S. and a dozen other Strongs and of several Nortons. I am Yours Very Respy.

Wm Allen.

April 23d.—

After I had yesterday written the foregoing, I met with an antiquarian friend, Sylvester Judd Esq., better skilled in the history of Northampton than myself, who promised me some light. I therefore have opened my letter to give you the information you wanted and with which I could not supply you yesterday. I have called upon him today and obtained the facts, which I put down on a separate paper.

I am Yours very sincerely
& respectfully,
William Allen.

1. 1. Elder John, common ancestor in America

2. 2. Thomas Strong of Northampton, the third son of Elder John, had 15 or 16 children. His first wife was Mary Huit, or Hewitt, daughter of Rev. Ephraim Huit of Windsor; by her he had 5 children, of whom Asahel was one. — A. not the father but grandfather of Rev. Cyprian. — ~~But~~ ~~He~~ Thomas married Mary Huit Dec. 5, 1660; she died Feb. 20, 1671. He died Oct. 3, 1689.

3. 3. Asahel was the youngest of Mary Huit's 5 children; he was ~~probably~~ born ~~in~~ Nov. 14, 1668. ~~1670~~ He married Mary Hart of Farmington in 1689, of course at ~~an~~ the ~~early~~ age of 21. His children were born at Northampton

Asahel's children were
1. Margaret
2. Mary, m. Daniel Lewis
3. Elizabeth
4. Lois
5. Asahel, Esquire, b. 1702. d. in Farmington in 1751, aged 49.
6. John, colonel, died in 1779 or 1774. b. 1705: a prominent man.

4. Asahel, (the second,) son of the preceding, was the father of Cyprian and Ruth,

the grandson, not the son of Thomas.

3. Asahel the second, (continued.) He was born ~~[illegible]~~ 1702. He had five children. Ruth was his madame. At his death in 1751 the ages of his children were thus —

1. Lois, aged 14 years.
2. Ruth " 11 "
3. Elnathan " 9 "
4. Cyprian " 7 "
5. Elizabeth " 4 years.

The marriage of Asahel's ~~1st~~ father Asahel to Mary Hart of Farmington may have led to his, the second Asahel's, emigration to F.; but the time of his removal does not appear. If in 1722 he was of the age of 20. From his title of Esquire it is presumed he was a man of respectable standing. But nothing in particular is known.

I may resume **Thomas** Strong.

md. 2d wife Rachel Holton, 1671.

Thomas m. first Mary Huit, who died 1670; ^

His children — 15 or 16.

By 1st Wife 1. Thomas
2. Mariah m. Samuel Judd of Northampton.
3. J John ~~Huit, or Hewitt.~~ died unmarried, at Deerfield.
4. Huit, or Hewitt.
5. Asahel.
By 2d wife 6. Joseph
7. Benjamin
8. Adino
9. Waitstill d. at 62 and 85.
10. Rachel m. Miles Dudley of Guilford.
11. Selah
12. Benajah
13. Ephraim
14. ~~R~~ Elnathan
15 Ruth m. deacon Wm. Dudley of N. Guilford.
also perhaps (16) Submit. All alive at
his death ~~[illegible]~~ in ~~1751~~ 1689 except Huit.
His widow Rachel m. Nathan Bradley
of Guilford, or East Guilford perhaps now.

From the facts, which I have given,
it appears ~~that~~ Asahel Strong, your grand-
mother's father, was the grandson of Thomas,
the third son of elder John Strong;
also that Caleb Strong, the father
of Governor Caleb, was the
grandson of Ebenezer, the fifth
son of Elder John Strong.

As I am writing this, I fear

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ceive that Elizabeth, the daughter of elder John Strong, married Joseph Parsons of this town, who was the ~~my father's~~ grandfather of my father's mother, whose name was Elizabeth Parsons. So that I am descended both by my father and mother from elder John Strong. I greet you therefore as one of my kindred: please to regard my daughter Mrs. Smith as one of yours. We have reason to very thankful for such of our ancestors as lived in Northampton, who were very eminent for piety. Farewell.

I am Yours with great esteem and respect,

William Allen.

P.S. Your descent from the Rev. Mr. Hunt must be a pleasant fact for your memory.